

wherein

each R_1 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, carboxy, hydroxyl, methoxyl, amino, and nitro;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, and acyl;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, acyl, halogen, hydrogen, and hydroxyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of methyl, hydroxyl, carboxyl, and linear and branching alkyl groups; and

each of the bonds (a), (b), and (c) independently is either a double or single bond, provided, however, that bond (a) and bond (b) are not both double bonds.

REMARKS

Support for Amended Claims

Support for the amendments to claims 9 and 24 can be found in the application as originally filed on page 21, lines 7-15. Support for the amendment to claim 41 and for new claim 42 can be found on page 24, lines 7-12.

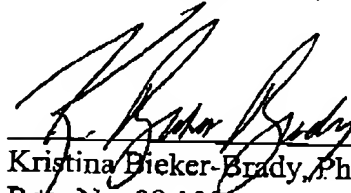
CONCLUSIONS

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is requested. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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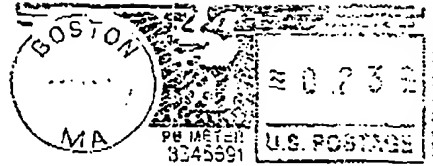
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